

August 9, 2004

-Meeting Notice-

The CALFED Science Program's
The Environmental Water Account Workshop –
Evaluating the first four years and science needs for a long-term EWA

September 8th and 9th**8:15 am to 5:00 pm****Location:****Stanford Room****650 Capitol Mall, 1st Floor****Sacramento, CA 95814****Background information:**

The CALFED Science Program will host a 2-day workshop on September 8 and 9, 2004, to examine the first four years of the Environmental Water Account (EWA) and discuss issues related to a longer-term EWA. This workshop will replace the EWA salmon and delta smelt workshops that have been held in late summer of the previous three years. Material presented at this workshop will be used to develop conclusions and recommendations to be presented to the EWA Technical Review Panel (Panel) in November 2004.

Workshop Purposes:

1. To examine the first four years of the EWA and assess its operations and benefits to fish populations and the water community.
2. To attempt to place the relative contribution of the EWA in the broader scheme of fish protection and restoration (including CVPIA, ERP, regulatory standards, etc.)
3. To identify scientific questions and information needs that must be considered when designing the structure and function of a long-term EWA.

Format:

The workshop will consist of a mix of individual and panel presentations, with time for discussion. The major topic areas include:

- The conceptual EWA – as envisioned in the Record of Decision
- The operational EWA – how it worked in the first four years, including evolution of strategies and practices of using EWA assets
- Stakeholder perspectives on the EWA
- Implementation and technical issues arising from the first four years
- Science needs in a long-term EWA

Workshop Product:

An interpretive workshop summary will be prepared for the Science Program Lead Scientist. The summary will be distributed to workshop attendees, CALFED agencies, stakeholder organizations, and to the EWA Technical Review Panel. The interpretive summary and other documents coming out of the workshop (agency and stakeholder reports) will be included in the information package the Panel receives for its November 8-10, 2004 annual EWA review meeting.

Please check back with our website for agenda updates: <http://198.31.87.66/workshop/ewa.shtml>

For More Information:

- Registration for the event is not required. For more information contact DaVina Hines, at the CALFED Science Program, davina@calwater.ca.gov or 916-445-5825.
- Please allow time to go through security check-point at the entrance of the building and abide by standard security procedures: no weapons, video, or photo equipment, including photo cell phones.
- If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Pauline Nevins, California Bay-Delta Program at (916) 445-5511, TDD (800) 735-2929.